

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of

ESAKI et al.

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For: RECLINING MECHANISM  
FOR VEHICLE SEAT

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Art Unit 3636

Examiner Milton Nelson, Jr.

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2002 the period of response to which is set to expire, after a three month extension, on July 15, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing the appropriate sentences as set forth hereinbelow:

✓ Page 7, second full paragraph, last sentence in paragraph should read as follows:

*a'* In addition, a connecting rod 23, shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is connected to the hinge pin 17 to operatively connect the reclining mechanism to another reclining mechanism mounted to the vehicle seat at its opposite side.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please delete the ABSTRACT in its entirety and replace with the following:

*a<sup>2</sup>* A reclining mechanism for a vehicle seat includes first and second attachment members coupled with each other at their outer peripheries and connected by a hinge pin, a slide pawl

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